

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON COMMERCE**

Tuesday, May 15, 2007

9:00 a.m.

Room 519, House Office Building

Chair Meisner called the Standing Committee on Commerce to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Accavitti, Byrum, Coulouris, Dean, Griffin, Johnson, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Palsrok, Stakoe, Rick Jones, Knollenberg, Meltzer (17/19)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Reps. Clemente and Huizenga (2/19)

Representative Valentine moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on May 8, 2007. Hearing no objection, the **motion prevailed** with unanimous consent.

Chair Meisner laid **House Bill 4215** before the committee:

HB 4215 Gaffney	Property tax; principal residence exemption; additional principal residence exemption on 2 properties up to 3 years; allow under certain circumstances.
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Representative Gaffney explained the intent of the bill and answered questions.

Scott Schrager, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified in **support** of the **concept** of the bill and answered questions.

Doug Merriam, representing the Michigan Association of Realtors, testified on the bill. He indicated that the association is neutral on the bill, but does support the concept.

Bill Anderson, representing the Michigan Townships Association, testified in **support** of the bill.

Dawn Crandall, representing the Michigan Association of Home Builders, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

The **Chair** announced that a vote would be taken on the bill at the next meeting.

Representative Knollenberg moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, **Chair Meisner** excused **Representatives Clemente** and **Huizenga**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **9:40 a.m.**

Representative Andy Meisner, Chair

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk
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